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Office Action Summary

Application No.

09/581,946

Applicant(s)

GARCIA MARTIN ET AL.

Examiner

Jerry Redman

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Status

- 1) ☒ Responsive to communication(s) filed on 12 January 2007.
- 2a) ☒ This action is **FINAL**. 2b) ☐ This action is non-final.
- 3) ☐ Since this application is in condition for allowance except for formal matters, prosecution as to the merits is closed in accordance with the practice under *Ex parte Quayle*, 1935 C.D. 11, 453 O.G. 213.

Disposition of Claims

- 4) ☒ Claim(s) 24-31 and 39 is/are pending in the application.
- 4a) Of the above claim(s) _____ is/are withdrawn from consideration.
- 5) ☐ Claim(s) _____ is/are allowed.
- 6) ☒ Claim(s) 24-31 and 39 is/are rejected.
- 7) ☐ Claim(s) _____ is/are objected to.
- 8) ☐ Claim(s) _____ are subject to restriction and/or election requirement.

Application Papers

- 9) ☐ The specification is objected to by the Examiner.
- 10) ☐ The drawing(s) filed on _____ is/are: a) ☐ accepted or b) ☐ objected to by the Examiner.
- Applicant may not request that any objection to the drawing(s) be held in abeyance. See 37 CFR 1.85(a).
- Replacement drawing sheet(s) including the correction is required if the drawing(s) is objected to. See 37 CFR 1.121(d).
- 11) ☐ The oath or declaration is objected to by the Examiner. Note the attached Office Action or form PTO-152.

Priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119

- 12) ☒ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
- a) ☒ All b) ☐ Some * c) ☐ None of:
1. ☒ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
 2. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. _____.
 3. ☐ Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this National Stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).

* See the attached detailed Office action for a list of the certified copies not received.

Attachment(s)

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| 1) <input type="checkbox"/> Notice of References Cited (PTO-892) | 4) <input type="checkbox"/> Interview Summary (PTO-413)
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The status of the claims is as follows:

Claims 1-23 and 32-38 have been cancelled, and

Claims 24-31 and 39 are herein addressed below.

Receipt is acknowledged of papers submitted under 35 U.S.C. 119(a)-(d), which papers have been placed of record in the file.

Claims 24-31 and 39 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 112, second paragraph, as being indefinite for failing to particularly point out and distinctly claim the subject matter which applicant regards as the invention. In claim 24, lines 1-2, claim 27, lines 1-2, claim 28, lines 1-2, claim 30, lines 1-2, and claim 31, lines 1-2, it is not readily apparent to the Examiner if the applicant is claiming a door module or a door module in combination with a door inner liner. Throughout the claims, the applicant clearly and positively sets forth the door inner liner. If the applicant intends on claiming the combination, then the applicant should clearly and positively set forth the door inner liner in the preamble.

The following is a quotation of the appropriate paragraphs of 35 U.S.C. 102 that form the basis for the rejections under this section made in this Office action:

A person shall be entitled to a patent unless –

(e) the invention was described in (1) an application for patent, published under section 122(b), by another filed in the United States before the invention by the applicant for patent or (2) a patent granted on an application for patent by another filed in the United States before the invention by the applicant for patent, except that an international application filed under the treaty defined in section 351(a) shall have the effects for purposes of this subsection of an application filed in the United States

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only if the international application designated the United States and was published under Article 21(2) of such treaty in the English language.

Claims 28-30, and 39 are further rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102(e) as being anticipated by Medebach et al. (6,192,632). Medebach et al. ('632) disclose a door module for assembly to a door inner liner of a door of an automotive vehicle comprising a trim panel (1), a window regulator subassembly (11) carried by the door trim panel (1), L-shaped rails (3 and 4, wherein the L-shaped provides any number of elements projecting from the rails which form the L-shaped portion) fastened by fasteners (see figures 1 and 2), and a door lock subassembly (8) mounted to the trim panel (1) wherein the door lock subassembly (8) extends beyond the trim panel (1).

Claims 31 is further rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102(e) as being anticipated by Feder et al. (6,438,899). Feder et al. ('899) disclose a door module comprising a door trim main panel part (2) having a pivotal portion (5a) attached thereto and subassemblies (i.e., 37, 31-lock subassembly, etc.) attached to a door inner liner (101).

Claims 24-27 would be allowable if rewritten or amended to overcome the rejection(s) under 35 U.S.C. 112, 2nd paragraph, set forth in this Office action.

The applicant's arguments have been considered but are not deemed persuasive. The applicant is correct in stating that "headings" are not required. The Examiner just wanted to make the record clear that it is the applicant's decision not to have headings and not the Examiner's. The applicant states that the door inner liner is not being claimed throughout the body of the claims. The Examiner respectfully


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disagrees with all of the applicant's suggestions on pages 9 and 10 of the remarks. In claim 24, lines 7-10, the door inner liner is positively recited; In claim 27, lines 7-10, the door inner liner is positively recited; etc. The applicant argues that "prior to assembly" means that the door inner liner is not positively recited is incorrect and the Examiner respectively disagrees.

THIS ACTION IS MADE FINAL. Applicant is reminded of the extension of time policy as set forth in 37 CFR 1.136(a).

A shortened statutory period for reply to this final action is set to expire **THREE MONTHS** from the mailing date of this action. In the event a first reply is filed within **TWO MONTHS** of the mailing date of this final action and the advisory action is not mailed until after the end of the **THREE-MONTH** shortened statutory period, then the shortened statutory period will expire on the date the advisory action is mailed, and any extension fee pursuant to 37 CFR 1.136(a) will be calculated from the mailing date of the advisory action. In no event, however, will the statutory period for reply expire later than **SIX MONTHS** from the mailing date of this final action.

Any inquiry concerning this communication should be directed to Jerry Redman at telephone number 571-272-6835.


Jerry Redman
Primary Examiner